



Minute, Tuesday 5 May 2009 at 10.00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, 9.30 a.m. Central Standard Time 8.00 a.m. Western Standard Time.

PRESENT; Co-operative Federation of New South Wales (Helen McCall), Co-operative Federation of Queensland (Jim Howard), Co-operative Federation of South Australia (David Osgood and Trevor Schmidt), Co-operatives Victoria (Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths), Co-operatives WA (Chris Enright and Peter Wells)

APOLOGIES: Jim Sneesby Co-operative Federation of New South Wales) and Ramsey Margolis, NZ Cooperatives Association, unable to participate due to overseas travel commitments.

1. Meeting Notes

That the minutes of CA meeting of 23 February 2009 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

M: CFQ S: CWA CARRIED

ACTION: Secretary

2. Business arising from previous meeting

2.1 Legislation Update

No Federation reported progress on accessing the draft of the Co-operatives National Law Bill - . Co-operatives National Law Bill 2009 d09-14.11.08

ACTION: All

2.2 Letter to the Prime Minister

Tony O'Shea reported that the Prime Minister's Office had acknowledged receiving the letter but he did not know how they were dealing with the letter and would subsequently advise.

ACTION: Tony O'Shea

2.3, Co-operatives Australia Logo

There was agreement that the logo was most satisfactory and that Ramsey Margolis should be thanked for his contribution towards the image of Co-operatives Australia.

ACTION: Tony O'Shea

2.4, Co-operatives Europe

The Chairman reported that he had not contacted Co-operatives Europe regarding co-operative education material but would do so shortly.

ACTION: Tony O'Shea

2.5, ICA Membership

The Secretary reported that a draft letter to the ICA for circulation had not been prepared but he would do so shortly.

ACTION: David Griffiths

2.6 Co-operative Education Statement

The Secretary reported that the statement had been redrafted following the CA meeting on 23 February 2009.

That pending minor amendments to be received by the Secretary before the 12 May 2009 the Co-operative Education Statement be endorsed and uploaded to <http://ca.australia.coop>

M: CWA S: CFNSW CARRIED

ACTION: David Griffiths and All

2.7, Demutualisation

The Secretary reported that no further work had been undertaken.

ACTION: David Griffiths and Helen McCall

2.8, Top 100 and All

It was agreed that this should be finalised by 19 May 2009. It was also noted that the list would not be perfect and this would be pointed out in releasing the list.

The Secretary will distribute the current list asap and members would have the opportunity to respond over a couple of days so that the list could be finalised for publication.

ACTION: David Griffiths

3, Other Business

3.1, Reports from Federations.

Co-operatives WA reported that the WA Parliament was resuming on 5 May and the Co-operatives Bill 2009 was high on the agenda.

There were no other reports.

M: CWA S: CFNSW CARRIED

3.2, Productivity Commission Inquiry

It was noted:

Distributing co-operatives sit outside the Inquiry.

Non distributing cooperatives are within the scope of the Inquiry. (refer pages 11 and 12.

Public submissions invited by 29 May 2009.

There appears to be issues to do with non distributing co-ops in New South Wales and Victoria.

It was noted that it was desirable for Co-operatives Australia to make a submission to a national inquiry.

CFNSW and CV to examine possibility of preparing a submission.

ACTION: CFNSW and CV

3.3, University of Sydney

The Business and Labour History Group, the Faculty of Economics and Business, The University of Sydney has entered into collaboration with the European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises at the University of Trento to explore the potential links between the Australian and Italian co-operative movements and learn from the past and present experiences of the co-operative movements in the two countries. It was agreed that Helen McCall would represent Co-operatives Australia

ACTION: Helen McCall

3.4, Registry Access

It was noted that all Federations were required to pay a fee to access the annual returns of individual co-operatives.

3.5, Cost Sharing

It was agreed that other Federations would contribute the \$600 to Co-operatives Victoria towards the development of a layout design for CA statements with the first being Public Policy and Co-operatives and in the creation of the sub-domain <http://ca.australia.coop>

Co-operatives Victoria is to provide banking details for those Federations wishing to make an electronic funds transfer.

It was agreed that this was not a precedent and future cost sharing would have to have prior approval.

It was agreed that Co-operatives WA would prepare a proposal on content for a Co-operatives Australia site and forward this to the Secretary. Co-operatives Victoria would, then, provide a costing involved in the site being transferring from Co-operatives Victoria to Co-operatives Australia.

These two documents would be circulated for discussion through email.

ACTION: David Griffiths and Peter Wells

It was also agreed that Jim Howard would prepare a paper on a formula for future cost sharing allocations between the Federations.

ACTION: Jim Howard

4, Other Matters

Co-operatives WA will circulate conference information including accommodation options.

5, Next Meeting and Hosting

It was agreed that the next meeting would be in Perth in September 2009.

David Griffiths
Secretary
05 May 2009